

**St. John's Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2016**

Members Present:

Kerry Ellen Elliott, Chair
Justin Malsam, Vice Chair (absent)
Anita Bokan, Secretary
Roy Van Steenberg
Brad Jahn
Gordon Pirrong
Mirian Cook
Jake Timmons (absent)
Daniela Ysursa
Gina Burns (absent)
Miguel Duarte
Jorge de Varona

Rector:

Fr. Jerry Funke

Staff:

Oralia Lorenzana

Guests:

Joni Krakau
Jim & Mary Ellen Nourse

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00pm by Chair.
2. **Opening Prayer** by Brad Jahn.
3. **Respect Life:** Joni Krakau represented Respect Life. They are guided by the USCCB and their goals are to educate, pray, and advocate for Catholic social justice issues including life issues. She did a wonderful job going over both successes and challenges of the ministry. She provided a folder for each member with pertinent information.

A few ministry successes over the past few years (although not exclusively) are as follows:

- Arranging well-known speakers
- Annual Life Mass was very successful
- Purchased fetal models for educational purposes
- Collected \$1500-\$1700 worth of baby items for Gate of Grace house
- Having a Human Trafficking Presentation
- Alternative Gift Shop

Some challenges are getting people actively involved and educating people on the issues.

4. **Vocation Seekers:** Jim & Mary Ellen represented this ministry. Their mission is to encourage, foster, and pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and permanent diaconate at St. John's. The Cathedral Vocations Seekers also support and encourage our priests by honoring them on their birthdays and anniversaries.

Successes include members are very supportive (although very few), a full calendar of vocations activities, a traveling St. John's/vocations bag, and many supportive parishes participating with vocation events. Challenges are lack of education on priest shortages, roles of deacons and priests, no budget and not enough active people.

5. **Approval of Dec. Minutes:** Roy Van Steenberg approved the minutes and Mirian Cook seconded and motion was carried.
6. **New Staff Members:** Oralia Lorenzana is the new Pastoral Associate and Teresa Wittry is the new Director of Religious Education.
7. **Strategic Plan:** We touched on a few points on a couple of the goals.
 - Advertising was discussed and set-aside since there will possibly be a new staff member handling the parish advertising.
 - On the topic of small faith communities, it was discussed that perhaps there are many more small faith communities than it appears. It was discussed that we can still encourage and help new small groups to gather who come together and share an interest and ask for help. However, each of the many small groups and ministries at our Cathedral are considered small faith communities.
 - Fellowship: Coffee hour hasn't been successful. It was suggested by a member that we perhaps have a coffee truck park outside the Cathedral and sell coffee to parishioners. Kerry Ellen was going to look into this.
8. **Rector Report:** Father Jerry went through the events and activities that happened at our Cathedral in December including Messiah concert, Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration, and Opening of the Jubilee of Mercy celebration with Bishop Peter. Confessions were held on Wednesday evenings at many of the parishes in the Diocese and Father Jerry felt it was a success. I have attached Father's Report with details.
9. **Open Forum:** Kerry Ellen brought up the suggestion of the Pastoral Council to take a Lenten Meal and Stations during Lent. It was decided that we do that on Friday March 4. Kerry Ellen and Miguel are to lead the Stations and would invite the Spanish and English speaking community to combine. Anita

would make up a sign up list for the Pastoral Council members to sign up for a food item to bring.

10. **Closing Prayer** by Father Jerry.

11. **Meeting was adjourned** at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted
by Anita Bokan

1 Attachment, Rector Report